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TELEGRAMS.

TEST CRICKET.

THE SECOND MATCH.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph"]

London, Received December 27.
The second Test Match between the M.C.C. and South Africa has commenced at Johannesburg. The weather was showery. The Africans were the first to bat and compiled 160 runs. Hartigan was top scorer with 51. Barnes took eight wickets for 58 runs.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

REBEL ATTACK ABANDONED

London, Received December 27.

Reuter's correspondent at Brownsville, Texas, states that the rebels at Matamor's headquarters have officially announced that the attack on Tampico has been abandoned.

The rebels who have been operating in the oil region near Monterey invest the town after February 1.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hong-kong.—28th December, 1st Sunday After Christmas, Holy Communion 8.15 a.m. Matins 11 a.m. Responses: Forth, Venite: Hosanna. Psalms: of the 28th morning. Te Deum: Woodward, Smart, Turle. Benediction: Garrett. Hymns: 178, 69, (T. 58), 432, (T. 298), Evensong 5.45 p.m. Full Chant: Responses: Festal. Psalms: Forth, Magnificat. Nunc Dimittis: Maunders in D. Anthem: "O Zion that bringest"—Stainer. Hymns: 60, 183, Sevenfold Amen.

St. Peter's Church, Sunday, Holy Communion: 8 a.m., Morning Service and Holy Communion: 11 a.m., Evening Service at Seamen's Institute: 7.30 p.m., Voluntary: "Ave Maria." Hymns: 80, 138, 46, 119.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.—Morning at 11. Hymns: 294, 582, 476, 625. Evening at 6. Hymns 144, 561, 315, 309, 617. Preacher: Rev. J. K. Maconochie.

First Church of Christ Scientist: MacDonnell Road, Sunday, 11.15 a.m. Wednesday: 5.30 p.m.

Garrison Divine Service: Church of England Victoria Cathedral 9.15 a.m. Chaplain. Church of England Detention Barrack Detention Barrack 12 noon. Chaplain. R.N. Church of England Detention Barrack Under Order Senior Officer Church of England Military Hospital Bowen Road 6 p.m. Chaplain. Church of England Lyman Barracks 11.15 a.m. Chaplain. Church of England Kowloon St. Andrew's Church 10 a.m. Offg. Clergyman. Church of England Mount Austin Barracks Under Orders. Senior Officer. Baptist Victoria Union Church 11 a.m. Offg. Clergyman. Congregationalist Victoria Union Church 11 a.m. Offg. Clergyman. Presbyterian Victoria Union Church 11 a.m. Offg. Clergyman. Wesleyan Victoria Wesleyan Church 10.15 a.m. Offg. Clergyman. Roman Catholic Victoria St. Joseph's Church 10 a.m. Offg. Clergyman. Roman Catholic Kowloon Rosary Church 9 a.m. Offg. Clergyman.

Fotheringay Castle Relic.
For many years the only object to mark the site of Fotheringay Castle, the last prison and place of execution of Mary Queen of Scots, has been a block of masonry on the bank of the river Nene. The Peterborough Archaeological and Museum Society had this raised to a vertical position, and the interesting discovery was made that it was part of the fetter-lock kept as it joined the southern tower of the castle. A railing has been erected round it and a suitably inscribed bronze plate will in future indicate to the tourist the nature of the relic.

TELEGRAMS.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

SEASONABLE WEATHER.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph"]

London, Received December 26.
Christmas Day at Home was the first and coldest for years. The weather was bright and dry and there was a frost in the early morning, and snowstorms in the North England and Scotland. The railways were overcrowded in the rush to the coast and the Continent, especially to Switzerland.

Their Majesties the King and Queen celebrated Christmas in homely fashion at Sandringham.

A big business was done in Over-seas cable greetings. The Churches in London were crowded in the morning. The town was deserted in the evening, very few motor-buses or taxi-cabs running. There were gay scenes at the places of entertainment, hotels, and restaurants, where seats were at a premium.

H. B. HOLLINS & CO. FAIL.

Brokers Had Money Invested in Mexican Properties.

Failure of the Stock Exchange firm of H. B. Hollins & Co., of No. 15, Wall Street, New York, was announced in a telegram recently. The firm was organized in 1892, and consisted of Harry B. Hollins, Bernard J. Burke, Britton N. Buob, the latter being the Stock Exchange member. Rafael R. Govin was one of the active members of the firm up to a few weeks ago, when he withdrew.

On the Exchange the failure caused no excitement, and did not affect the market adversely for the reason that all of the Hollins Stock Exchange securities had been liquidated before the receiver was appointed. In the street, however, there was some excitement, and a large crowd gathered outside the firm's office, which is on the corner of Broad and Wall Streets—perhaps the most prominent site in the financial district.

About the time the failure was announced on the Stock Exchange, an involuntary petition in bankruptcy against the firm was filed in the United States District Court by three creditors, with claims for money deposited aggregating \$661. Admission of insolvency is charged in the petition. It is said that the liabilities are about \$5,000,000, and the assets more than \$50,000,000.

Mr. A. Leo Everett was appointed receiver with a bond of \$75,000. Lexow, Mackellar and Wells are counsel for the petitioning creditors.

Creditors Who Took Action.
The creditors who asked for the appointment of a receiver were Mr. C. W. Sweet, of No. 817 Broadway; Mr. H. D. Long, of No. 505 West One Hundred and Eleventh Street; and Mr. James F. Newcomb, of No. 35 Broadway.

There were rumours in Wall Street in the afternoon that a failure was about to occur, but Stock Exchange men generally gave little credence to them. Next morning they were repeated again, more persistently, and governors of the Stock Exchange were called upon to deny or affirm that a firm of that institution was in difficulties. They issued a denial that any important failure was to occur, for, as far as the Stock Exchange itself was concerned, there had been no formal action asked with respect to the Hollins firm.

It had been known for some time that the firm was not in a strong position, but that the embarrassment would lead to actual failure was not believed, even by those closely in touch with its members. Resignation of Mr. Raphael R. Govin, from the firm, on September 6, and withdrawal of his entire interest, was regarded as

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STEAMER ASHORE.

FIRE ON BY MOORS.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph"]

London, Received December 26.
Reuter's Gibraltar correspondent says the British steamer Ludgate ran ashore on the African coast opposite Tarifa. Moored on the vessel, wounding a seaman.

The cruiser Roxburgh and the Spanish battleship Pelayo are steaming to the vessel's assistance. Salvage operations have been suspended owing to the hostilities of the Moors. A salvage steamer has gone to the wreck with two Gatling guns and a British naval picket aboard.

Help Arrives.

London, Received December 27.
Reuter's correspondent at Gibraltar states that two British and two Spanish warships have arrived to the assistance of the Ludgate. The Moors are now quiet and the cargo of coal is now being jettisoned.

one of the factors hastening the climax.

None of the large Wall Street banks was heavily interested in the failure, and the relations of the firm with other Stock Exchange houses had dwindled to such an extent that announcement of the failure caused hardly a ripple in the market. The firm was one of the best-known in the financial district, but in recent years it had not done sufficient business to be classed as a leading house.

In Wall Street the view prevailed that the failure was in a measure due to industrial chaos in Mexico. There appeared to be a difference of opinion over the extent to which the firm was involved in Mexican enterprises, but it was recognized that, in light of the disorder prevailing in the southern republic, any Mexican securities which the firm might have on hand would be absolutely unsalable at this time.

Mr. H. B. Hollins is listed as a director in the Central Union Gas Company, the Corporation Trust Company, the Equitable Trust Company, the Havana Tobacco Company, the International Steam Pump Company, the Northern Union Gas Company, the Publishers' Paper Company, and the Vacuum Cleaner Company. The firm maintains a branch office at Berlin, Germany, in charge of Hans Versche.

Mr. H. B. Hollins, the head of the firm, has been identified with a number of corporations which at one time or another have been in financial difficulties. One of them was the Chicago Railways Company, another was the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton. In 1905 the firm became overextended in the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, and would have closed its doors at that time but for the friendly help of Mr. J. P. Morgan.

Mr. Morgan came to the rescue of his old-time friend by finding a buyer for all of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton stock carried by the Hollins firm. Erie was the buyer, and the price paid was \$160 a share. Within a few months the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton confessed that it was a hopeless bankrupt.

Mr. E. H. Harriman, who was also a large shareholder and a director of Erie, was making a trip in the far Northwest when the Erie approved the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton purchase. As soon as Harriman returned, however, he found out what had been done, and he immediately began to make trouble for his old enemy, Mr. J. P. Morgan. There are certain Erie directors who to this day say that they never expect to attend another meeting like the first one that occurred in Erie after Mr. Harriman returned from the West.

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FACTORY EXPLOSION.

BIG DEATH-ROLL.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph"]

London, Received December 26.
Eight people were killed and five injured as the result of an explosion at a fireworks factory at Torre del Annunziata, Naples.

The casualties are now given as 14 killed and five injured.

BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

ALLIANCE GROWING STRONGER.

London, Received December 27.
Reuter's correspondent at Tokyo states that the Emperor, on the occasion of the opening of the Diet, said that the alliance with Britain was continually growing firmer.

Mr. Harriman's stormy protests resulted in the Erie directors rescinding the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton purchase. Mr. J. P. Morgan then issued a statement explaining the transaction.

Control of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton stayed with the Morgan firm through receivership and until a new buyer was found in Baltimore & Ohio.

YACHTING.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

The cruiser races for the Cup presented by H. E. the Hon. Mr. Olud Severn was sailed yesterday. The contest was from a line between the Club flagstaff and the chimney of the Pump house of the No. 1 Dock at Kowloon, round the beacon in the Channel to the north west of Cheung Chau leaving it to port, round Stonecutters Island, leaving it to starboard and finishing across a line between the Tamar and the Kowloon Police Pier. Distance 22 miles. The following yachts started at 10 a.m. in a fair west wind.

| Yacht | Time |
|-----------|-----------|
| Oenone | 1 min. 50 |
| Snipe | 1 " 50 |
| Queen Bee | 1 " 11 |
| Clara | 14 " 40 |
| Dorothy | 23 " 30 |
| Iris | 33 " " |
| Flora | 44 " " |

Queen Bee and Iris were about 25 minutes late at the start. As the yachts tacked to the westward the wind increased considerably. The Clara opened out a good lead going up the harbour and at Green Island was about 20 minutes ahead of Oenone and Snipe, which passed to windward of the Island. Miranda went through the Sulphur Channel but did not gain much by doing so. Dorothy went outside also and Iris through the Channel. There was just about as much wind as the boats could stand with while sailing the Chinese rigged boats going free closed up on the Clara and at the beacon near Cheung Chau the Oenone was only 4 minutes behind her. The times of rounding were approximately as below:—Clara 12.26, Oenone 12.30, Snipe 12.33, Miranda 12.35, Dorothy 12.50, Iris 1.00. Clara also went round, but some time after the others. The latter rounding Oenone was passed by Snipe and Miranda. The wind fell lighter of the way back, but there was a good breeze right to the finish and the line was crossed by the following six boats as below:—

| Yacht | Time |
|---------|-------------------|
| Oenone | 2.6.0 2.4.0 1 |
| Snipe | 2.13.37 2.11.47 5 |
| Miranda | 2.16.02 2.16.03 8 |
| Clara | 2.22.21 2.24.1 3 |
| Dorothy | 2.34.0 2.53.0 2 |
| Iris | 2.44.0 2.11.0 4 |

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THE NATAL TROUBLES.

LORD HARDING'S ADVICE.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph"]

London, Received December 27.
Reuter's correspondent at Calcutta states that the Viceroy, replying to an address of welcome from various Indian associations, strongly urged the acceptance of the South African commission to enquire into Indian grievances. He pointed out that the President is a Judge of Appeal and is universally esteemed and respected. The Viceroy affirmed that the Commission presents an opportunity to submit to the verdict of the world the justice of Indian grievances.

Treatment Denounced.

Reuter's correspondent at Karachi states that the annual Indian National Congress opened there and was largely attended. The notable absentees were Mr. Gokhale, Mr. Surendra Nath, and Mr. Banerjee, the first-named being indisposed.

The speakers vehemently denounced the treatment of Indians in South Africa and claimed that Indians were entitled to equal treatment in the Colonies of the Empire. They trusted that the Imperial Government would realize that the situation was daily becoming more grave, and that it was absolutely necessary that a Royal Commission should investigate the allegations.

It was urged that the time was opportune for the further employment of Indians in the Indian Public Services, especially the higher grades.

Nawab Syed Mahomed, of Madras, was elected President of the Congress.

TRAIN DISASTER.

FIVE PEOPLE KILLED.

London, Received December 26.

Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent says five persons were killed and twelve injured by a train derailment near Croningen. The son of the Premier, Mr. Van der Linden, was among those killed.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

Mutins in the South.

Peking, Dec. 20.

A regiment of 1,100 men mutinied at Talifu on December 5 and plundered the treasury of \$300,000. The local officials deny that the mutiny was due to the troops not having been paid. They attribute the trouble to the influence of local secret societies. Four thousand men and a battery of artillery have left Yunnan and are due to arrive in Talifu on December 25. All the foreigners there are reported to be safe.—Reuter N. C. Daily News.

A Reasonable Protest.

Kuoyang, Dec. 19.

A military revolt has been attempted in this city. Report says that the reason was that the soldiers have not been paid for three months owing to their refusal to accept seventy per cent. of their pay in dollar notes at face value. Yesterday seven ringleaders were bayoneted at the Military Commissioner's yamen and ten were shot to-day outside the city. Other have been arrested. The entire first company has been disbanded. Dollar notes still exchange for 20 taels cents only.

Dec. 20.

Over three hundred soldiers have been disbanded. The conspiracy was spreading to other camps when it was discovered. Unless means are speedily devised for the payment of the troops further trouble is probable.—Reuter N. C. Daily News.

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CHINESE POLITICS.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

[Orientalischer Lloyd Service.]

Peking, Received December 24.
Chao Ping-chun, the Tutor of Chihli, informs the representative of Der. Ostasiatischer Lloyd that he regards the immediate abolition of the provincial system as unwise and that the recalling of the Tatuhs and the dividing up of the Empire into military districts should be done gradually.

Chang Hsueh had always been willing to accept a post in the Yangtze region, but would hardly be willing to select Taiping-fu as the gravitating centre of his activities.

Yuan Chi-jui would probably remain as Minister of War and Yuan Tse-kuei would probably be appointed Tutor of Hupeh.—Der. Ost. Lloyd.

RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

A DISCREDITED REPORT.

Berlin, Received December 24.

The St. Petersburg Agency energetically discredits the report that the Russian Ambassador at Constantinople has demanded compensation in connection with the German Military Mission to Turkey.—Der. Ost. Lloyd.

CHINESE LOANS.

THE LATEST REPORT.

Peking, Received December 24.

The Hsu-chi-yuan-po, a semi-official organ, reports that a loan of twenty-five million pounds sterling with three British banks is expected to be concluded soon.—Der. Ost. Lloyd.

MONGOLIAN MISSION.

FAILS IN ITS PURPOSE.

Berlin, Received December 24.

Mongolia's special mission to Russia has failed, as Minister Sassonoff objects to granting the proposed loan of five million roubles and a supply of arms.—Der. Ost. Lloyd.

Alarms in Yunnan.

Peking, Dec. 19.

It is stated that Talifu is in the hands of mutineers, who are refusing to transmit telegrams in English or in code. An emissary of Sun Yat-sen is reported to be promoting the rebellion. Grave apprehension is felt in Tengyueh and in the Shan district, where trouble is also feared.—Reuter to N. C. Daily News.

General Chang Obstinate.

Nanking, Dec. 19.

Chang Hsueh, as the price of his leaving Nanking, demands \$200,000, of which the Governor promises to find \$200,000 and the Chamber of Commerce \$100,000. In spite of unusual popular apprehension, the city is peaceful and there is hope of a peaceful issue.—N. C. Daily News Correspondent.

Peking, Dec. 10.

The Peking Daily News understands that General Chang Hsueh has telegraphed, tendering his resignation from the post of Inspecting Commissioner on the Yangtze, to which he was recently appointed.—Reuter to the N. C. Daily News.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

CONDENSED.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph"]

Christmas Day at Home was the finest and coldest for years.

The Mexican rebels have abandoned their attack on Tampico.

In the second Test Match South Africa scored 160 runs in their first innings.

An explosion in a fireworks factory at Naples resulted in 14 deaths and injuries to five others.

Five people were killed and 12 injured in the derailment of a train near Groningen, Holland.

The British steamer Ludgate has gone ashore on the African coast near Tarifa, and Moors have been firing on the vessel.

NEWS.

"1888" appears to-day on Page 5.

A short story appears to-day as an "extra."

The Telegraph's acoustic will be found in this issue.

Log book and general news appears on pages 6 and 3 respectively.

The army team defeated the navy team yesterday at football by five goals to two.

Hongkong cricket club were beaten by the Services team in the two days match.

An interesting article entitled, "Panama and our dollar" appears in to-day's issue.

THE BANGKOK FAILURES.

Reporting on the Bangkok failures the Bangkok correspondent of the Pinar Gazette wired as follows on the 16th instant:—The Siam Commercial Bank, having a capital of 3,000,000 ticals, is closely identified with the Chino-Siam Bank which has suspended payment, and has approached Government for assistance in view of the magnitude of the interests involved, states that assistance will be given. Depositors to day withdrew 400,000 ticals. The bazaar is uneasy and milling failures are threatened, but European houses are unshaken.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre 9.15 p.m.

Monday December 28.
Inauguration of Sea Scouts St. Joseph's College.

Wednesday December 31.
Kowloon Dock Ball—8 p.m.

Friday January 2.
Taikoo Club Ball—8.45 p.m.

Monday January 5.
Peak School Opens.

Tuesday, January 6.
G. Foxwick and Co. Ltd., in liquidation—General meeting of shareholders, No. 5, Queen's Road Central—noon.

Friday January 16.
Engineers' Ball, City Hall—9 p.m.

GENERAL NEWS

Cost of Expelling Alien Lunatics.

The Finance Committee of the L.C.C. has reported with reference to the proposed expulsion of three pauper lunatics under the Aliens Act, that the Home Secretary adheres to his decision to request the council to bear half the expense. The estimated cost of removing the three patients is £22, £23, and £34 respectively.

The London Policeman.

Out of the 21,000 men who compose the Metropolitan Police Force all but eleven have entered through the ranks. During the past few years (said Sir E. Henry at the opening of Hampstead new police station) 16,000 new men were placed on the streets every year after six weeks' training, and their conduct was most exemplary.

The Great Western Road.

Plans have now been prepared for the proposed new Great Western Road, the first of several projected roads which, it is hoped, may become national thoroughfares from London to other great centres of population. The new road will run from about Kew Bridge to Hounslow Barracks, where it will join the main Bath Road. It will be 80 ft in width throughout, and will provide for six or seven lines of traffic, with ample footpaths.

Liverpool Cathedral.

At a meeting of the executive committee of Liverpool Cathedral, it was reported that Mr. Earle had paid in the £10,000 which he offered three years ago on condition that a further sum of £35,000 was still needed to complete that portion of the Cathedral now building. Bath turrets at the south end of the choir had been built to their full height of 162 ft, the gable between seven turrets was completed, and the outer walls on both sides of the choir had been built to their full height of 126 ft.

Compulsory Evening School.

Mr. Oscar E. Warburg, at a meeting of the Education Committee of the L.C.C., said it was a matter for serious consideration that for the first time since 1900 there had been a decrease in evening schools enrolment amounting to 7,029, or about 1 per cent. The Board of Education was of opinion that progress was being made in teaching and organization, but the proportion of students who did not persevere was lamentable large. That of the enrolment of 708,259, 123,877 failed to attend at least 14 hours in the year. Of the 708,259 students enrolled 222,043 were over 21 years of age, 177,841 were between 17 and 21, and 307,475 were under 17. Discussing the report, Lord Cheylesmore said the Council might ultimately have to propose compulsion.

Larger London Station.

Owing to the general increase of traffic during the past few years the Great Western Railway has been obliged to extend Paddington Station. To the east of the present arrival platforms three additional platforms are being built for the accommodation of arriving trains. Hitherto this accommodation has been in times of heavy pressure more than fully occupied. The new platforms will tend to smother working at these times, and to increased punctuality. Space for the new platforms has been found by raising the road which has been used by cabs when empty for entering the station from Praed Street. No. 9 has been the last platform hitherto. In future there will be Nos. 10, 11, and 12 in addition, all of which will be used for ordinary traffic arriving at Paddington. No. 12 is already finished, and has, in fact, been opened. In addition to the ordinary traffic this platform will be used for the purpose of dealing with milk at certain times of the day. Cabs have been taken in making the extension to arrange the new platforms in such a way that Paddington will still be able to preserve its title to be one of the most compact and convenient railway stations in London.

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM.

First Institution in the World.

"The only University for a journalist in a newspaper office," is a time-honoured axiom with pressmen the world over, and, apparently, its truth has been fully realised by the University of Missouri in connection with which was established some years ago the first school of journalism in the world. The outstanding feature of the school is the publication day by day of a thoroughly up-to-date evening newspaper, produced entirely by the students under the supervision of the professors (who are trained newspaper men), which is entirely unsubsidised, carries advertisements, and is more than paying its way in spite of the strong opposition of two well-produced evening journals in the same city.

Interesting information concerning this unique and successful University venture was given to a Times of Ceylon representative by Mr. Walter Williams, Dean of the School of Journalism, University of Missouri, U.S.A. Mr. Williams has taken a year off from his school work for the purpose of studying the world's journalism and the environment in which this journalism is produced. "Each country can learn something from any other country in matters of journalism as in all other matters," the French can teach us something in the art of expression, the Germans in the serious way in which they present information, British journalism in its treatment of great world events, and it is the same with other countries," were the words in which Mr. Williams summarised the object of his present world tour.

World's Tour.

It is five months ago since he left Missouri, and so far he has visited England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, France, Holland and Belgium, Germany, Russia ("I found one of the brightest newspapers in the world at Moscow," was Mr. Williams's comment), Austria-Hungary, and Italy. In England and on the Continent our visitor did not confine himself to a study of the important news papers, but visited the byways as well as the highways of European journalism, paying attention alike to the marvellous organisation of some of the principal London offices, to the method of treatment of local affairs by the more influential provincial dailies, to the time-saving ingenuity of busy evening, and to bi-weeklies and weeklies with their tedious verbatim reports combined with an ever expanding cult of the trivial. He is no more blind to the faults of the American press (although he thinks those faults have been exaggerated) than he is to the faults of the British, French and German press.

In his own words he thinks "journalism can best be taught by finding out the best in the journalism of other countries and endeavouring to apply it to the journalism of our own country (in my case the United States)." Mr. Williams laughingly remarked that he expected to hold the unchallenged record of having rubbed shoulders with more journalists than any other man in the world when he returned to Missouri in seven months' time, for, from here, he intends travelling through India, then on to Australia and home by way of China and Japan. Next year he hopes to visit South America.

Questioned as to the Missouri School of Journalism, Mr. Williams expressed himself as proud of his connection with the world's pioneer school of journalism. As has been stated already, the distinguishing feature of the Missouri University venture is the publication of a daily afternoon newspaper (the University Miscellany) with circulation and advertisements, which must come out on time and must pay its own way. One of the two opposition papers is a particularly bright and clever production, and both are good examples of American evening journalism.

The Training.

"We have an enrolment of more than 200 students, men and women, for the Collegiate system

in the State is co-educational, but there are only about half a dozen women students in the school," Mr. Williams continued. "The student must have two years of College work before he can get in, and then three years of professional work in the school of journalism before he can obtain a degree. The training consists of actual work on a newspaper, in addition to the usual subjects included in an ordinary University course. We get a number of men who have taken their degrees elsewhere, and who come to us for their professional training. The School of Journalism is co-ordinate with and on the same plan as the School of Law or the School of Medicine, or other professional schools. You must remember that school in America means a Professional College and the University is made up of colleges and schools. The degree conferred at the end of three years is that of B. J. (Bachelor of Journalism).

"We pride ourselves on what may be called our laboratory method or the teaching of journalism by doing it, with the difference that, whereas you and I have had to learn without instruction, in the school the members of the Faculty train the students day by day. The students have to do everything in a newspaper office from proof reading to leader writing. They go through all the stages of journalism; they act as reporters, as given work as writers of special articles or of descriptive accounts, as copy readers (or sub-editors as you call them), as headline writers, and are trained in the handling of telegrams and in the rewriting of 'dimeies.' The members of the Faculty, who are trained newspaper men, act in the various senior capacities. I am Editor in Chief, we have a City Editor, News Editor, etc., and all the other senior posts of an ordinary evening newspaper. Then we have a number of men who teach advertising work—how to get advertisements, how to write and how to display them.

"In order that the students may feel their sense of responsibility and their personal interest in the conduct of the newspaper the entire student body constitutes the University Miscellany Association, which owns the newspaper. Each student in the school is what you would call a shareholder in the company, and once a year they meet, elect a Board of Directors and that Board select a Managing-Editor or Manager and, in this way, the direction of the policy of the paper is determined by the students themselves."

Mr. Williams stated that students attended the college from all parts of the world. Some twelve or fifteen countries were represented and the students included two Chinese and two Japanese.

B. I. AND EASTERN SHIPPING.

The Pinang Gazette understands that the long contemplated deal between the British Steam Navigation Co. and the Eastern Shipping Co. is now practically completed. The ownership of the latter's fleet and business will from the 1st instant pass to the B. I., but our information, which comes from Calcutta, is to the effect that no immediate and drastic changes are contemplated. The present steamers will be taken off gradually and replaced by suitable B. I. boats which have done service in other waters. For some years, too, there is a likelihood that the local management as regards the coastal trade now in the hands of the Eastern Shipping Co. will continue unchanged, while the direction of affairs will be from London and not from Calcutta. The rumoured early termination of the freight war between the B. I. and the N. Y. K. is also confirmed by our informant. Singapore Free Press.

If you have lost your appetite one of the big variety of dainty dishes at the ALEXANDRA CAFE is sure to tempt you.

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TO LET.

MEIRION, Nos. 9 & 10, Peak, unfurnished, 6 Rooms. Cheap Rental, from 1st December newly painted, and colour washed. ROGATE, Austin Road, Kowloon; unfurnished. No. 68 Peak, Mount Kellett, Church Mission Society Bungalow from 1st October, 1913, till 30th May, 1914, partly furnished. Cheap rent. CAMERON VILLAS No. 60 Peak, to let furnished for 1 year from 1st May. No. 6 Cameron Villas, No. 59 Peak, to let furnished for one year from 1st May, 1914. "Kellett Crest" No. 65 The Peak, from 1st March, 1914, partly furnished. No. 13, Shelley Street.

FOR SALE or TO LET.

(From 1st November, 1913.) No. 1 Gough Hill, No. 103 Peak, Bungalow containing drawing, dining and smoking rooms and five bedrooms. With ground for Tennis-Court.

FOR SALE.

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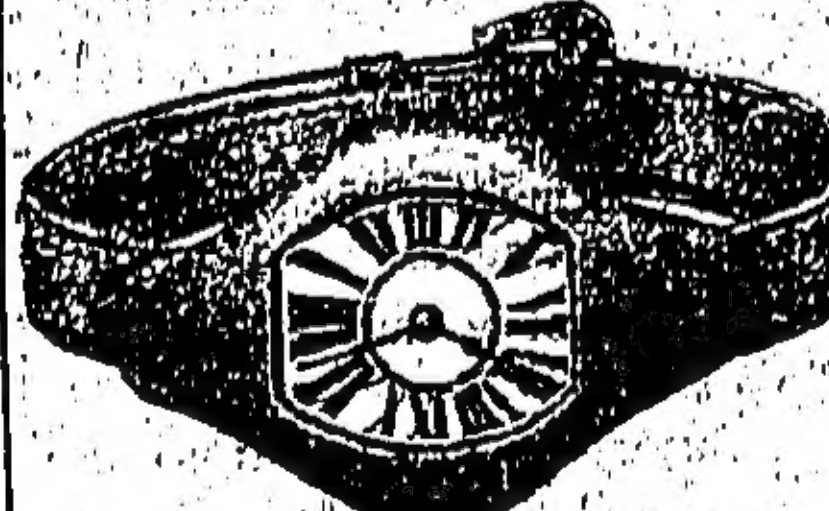
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1913.

CHINESE AND INDIAN CURRENCY.

We publish in to-day's issue some extracts from an article on the Indian Currency question by Mr. Moreton Frewen in the "Nineteenth Century" of the kind which we are now accustomed to expect from that ardent bi-metalist. He is of course very severe on the action of the Indian Government in instituting a gold standard but when one recalls the state of India's finances before that measure, one must admit that some such action was necessary if the Indian Government were to avoid bankruptcy. We quite sympathise with Mr. Frewen and his friends in the losses which holders of silver have suffered by the fall in price, but we cannot understand why they should demand special legislation for it any more than for any other commodity which falls in value. It is a question of supply and demand and of the weaker going to the wall. It is always hard on the weaker but such is the law and having said this we can do no more. We do not fly to legislation when Copper or Tin fall and our silver friends must realise that they are in the same boat and that silver is only another metal. Mr. Frewen approves of the free coinage of silver by India, France and the United States by which he says 11 rupees or 3 taels or 5 dollars would buy a sovereign but he objects to India's present arrangement by which the value of the rupee has been raised to 15 to the sovereign, although the real value is about 24 to the pound. The only difference seems to us to be in degree. Nor does he show any reason why we should be forced to accept 11 rupees when we ought to be paid 24, for although he points out glowing colours the disasters to China's imports from low silver he has to admit in the same breath that her exports are thereby stimulated to the same extent. The only evil is the fluctuations in exchange but these have not been great of late years and if Mr. Frewen and his friends will leave legislation alone and let silver fight its own battle, are not likely to be repeated.

If we understand Mr. Frewen aright great disaster is to flow from the present system in India by which the rupee is maintained at 15/4d but if so how much more will disaster befall her if she adopts Mr. Frewen's ideas and forces the value up to 10/10? We quite believe that a day of reckoning must arrive for countries which artificially maintain the dollar at 4/2 and the rupee at 1/4, when the real exchange value of the one is under 2/ and of the other about tenpence, but we cannot agree that artificial measures will improve matters—quite the contrary—and the only advice we can give them is to set their houses in order, face the loss and get on a good basis as quickly as possible; and that we understand is the wish and intention of the Indian Government.

As for China, to come nearer home, Mr. Frewen admits that the low price of silver and low silver wages of her people stimulate her exports and enable her to manufacture for herself goods which she formerly imported from Europe and America so the result is far from being disastrous to her or other silver-using countries. No doubt the ideal for both India and China is a gold currency, and India has made one step towards it by adopting a gold standard but China must, we fear, remain for many a long day yet on a silver basis. She will suffer as India suffered by the loss on payments abroad in gold, but not to the same extent, as she is not compelled, as India is, to maintain a great number of foreign officials on high salaries or to make huge remittances to England to provide for the payment of pensions and other expenses attending the administration of her government by Great Britain. As long as China is tied to the use of silver she must take full advantage of the benefit her export trade will derive from it and avoid to the best of her ability taking loans from other countries payable in gold. By developing her resources, by more efficient methods in tea growing and silk production, by refraining from wasting money on large armies or a costly navy, and by strict economy and honesty in all government departments she can live within her income and carry on a flourishing trade with all the world. Mr. Frewen's impressive pictures of the yellow races driving everyone else out of business leaves us cold. With cheap silver and cheap labour China is in a good position to-day but how long will it last? The more she prospers and the more money flows into the country the higher will the cost of living and labour rise. We need not emphasise this point to Hongkong people for everyone who has lived in this colony for twenty years has learnt by bitter experience how rapidly the cost of labour and living can rise. No we are not afraid; there is a law of compensation and too much of anything always seems to bring the contrary effect to that which it at first created.

But we must not leave Mr. Frewen and his friends quite hopeless. Although we cannot see that there is any need for silver as currency, except for subsidiary coinage, we can see many other uses for it which its low cost should develop. Cheap silver like rubber may be a blessing in disguise and increased consumption and new markets may result in an enlarged turn-over which may more than offset the fall in price. We see no reason whatever to despair of the future of silver—it will work out its own salvation like other commodities—but the sinner Mr. Frewen and his friends realise that silver like the housemaid is to be let alone and that no good reason can be shown for artificially raising its value in gold by special legislation the better it will be for the metal itself.

Bright Hopes.

Britishers generally will have welcomed the announcement contained in a telegram which we published yesterday concerning the much-disputed Panama Canal tolls question. The new attitude of the United States Government is to suspend the provision exempting American coastwise vessels from the tolls for two years, after the expiration of which period the President will have the right to enforce the exemption "if diplomatic questions are adjusted and the revenue from other vessels suffice to defray the Canal expenses". In face of existing Treaty obligations, America undoubtedly made a mistake in proposing the exemption, however natural it might appear that she should secure some material advantage from the great work she has carried through. However, the error is now being adjusted in the best possible manner, and we have great hopes that long before the expiration of the two years, the matter will be satisfactorily adjusted.

The Christmas Disaster.

Once again the Angel of Death has been abroad in the land at Christmas. The shadow of his wings has darkened the festive season. It is not altogether curious that there should be calamitous happenings at Christmas, for there is, on railways for example, an extra pressure at this season and perhaps, on occasion, a lessening of attention. But that does not explain the disaster in America. A false alarm of fire was raised by a bearded man at a children's celebration, and in the panic which ensued, over fifty children and some men and women were killed. The man who plays a trick of this kind should either be in an asylum or hanged for murder. He is a serious public danger. There can be no purpose in this kind of work beyond that of satisfying the bloodthirsty cravings of some mad man who is at large by mistake. Any how it seems as though Christmas can never pass without its dark happenings.

DANGEROUS CHARACTER

Belaboured Workmate with Chopper and Hammer.

According to the story told by Acting Inspector Garrard, to Mr. Wood, at the Police Court, this morning, a Chinese carpenter had a quarrel with a workmate at Mount Austin Barracks, and becoming heated, struck the other man with a chopper and a hammer, inflicting three wounds. The man assaulted ran to Indian constable 379, and the constable, who saw the defendant giving chase, arrested him.

Defendant said they had a quarrel over some tools which were his. By "mistake" he struck the complainant with the chopper and the hammer. A sentence of three weeks' imprisonment was passed.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General Hongkong from the Manila observatory at 9.30 a.m. on December 25:

Cyclone or Typhoon—E. of Southern Luzon. Moving N.W. N. N.W.

The following telegram was received at 11.50 a.m. on December 26:

Cyclone or Typhoon—E. of Luzon more than 300 miles distant, recurring Northeastward.

Flinthire Sold.

The Ellerman Line has acquired from the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company the steamer Flinthire, of 2,404 tons net register, which was until recently on the Far Eastern run and has renamed her the Algerian.

DAY BY DAY

"NOTHING TRULY CAN BE MADE MY OWN BUT WHAT I MAKE MY OWN BY USING WELL."—Middletown.

The Mails.

Australian Mail.—Left per a.s. Coblenz at 9 a.m. to-day.

Siberian Mail.—Closes per a.s. Kanchowat 1 p.m. to-day.

To Consignees.

Consignees of cargo by the a.s. Kandahar and the a.s. Silasia are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after Monday will be subject to rest.

Hongkong Christian Union.

Mr. E. T. Williams will speak at the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at St. Paul's College on Monday next at 5.30 p.m.

Alleged Gamblers.

Inspector Dymond arrested seventeen men on a gambling warrant at 246, Queen's Road West, yesterday. Nine, who were allowed out in bail of \$5 each, failed to appear at the Police Court, this morning, and their bail was estreated. The other eight were remanded for legal representation.

An Excellent Drink.

Messrs Michael & Co. have sent us a goodly sample of their Pilsener Beer which has been found an excellent table beer for the holiday season, and for all other seasons. The same may be said of their Gold Leaf Beer which can be recommended. These are finely-flavoured beers which all lovers of a really good beer should by no means neglect to try.

THE "TELEGRAPH'S" ACROSTIC.

PILLARS.

Good old Bill! They've got you through.

It's time that Hongkong had one too.

BARS.

1.—A saline wit. Against the sky.

The home of genius we spy.

2.—A suffragist bird from a southerly land.

Its head is not seen; but it's not in the sand.

3.—"At Chester, while he lived at more than kingly charge,

"Eight tributary kings, there rowed him in a barge."

4.—May help to keep a stable hand.

Or may be highest in the land.

5.—Is it light—fair dealing's great upholder—

Just to leave me thus with the law's cold shoulder.

6.—We can't spend the winter in Swiss resorts;

So this must suffice for a trip of sorts.

7.—One of a number that of late we've seen,

But up to the present no use it's been.

8.—If the Christmas feast could thus be known,

It's origin surely were better shown.

[Answer on Monday.]

Major C.C. Cobbe.

Major C.C. Cobbe of The Buffs, has gone on retired pay. He joined the Buffs through the militia in 1885, was for five years an adjutant of Indian Volunteers, and has the Chitral Expedition and the Malakand campaign to his credit.

Miss Maud Allan.

Miss Maud Allan's recent injury is of such a serious nature as to necessitate her taking complete rest for four weeks. She proposes to leave Bombay for a more bracing climate, probably going to Darjeeling.

1888.

HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

[Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the Week Ending December 27, 1888.]

Vetoed.

December 22.—After about two years' intermittent labour an annex to the Government Civil Hospital has been practically completed. It is intended to be used as a fever ward, principally, and will contain twenty-five beds in the four rooms, which are about 45 feet by 25 feet, besides offices, quarters, etc. As a sort of semi-official inauguration, Dr. Aikman, the House Surgeon, a week or so ago organised a concert at which many local vocalists had consented to assist. The invitations were sent out for last night, and many, including Dr. Stewart, whilst Acting Governor, accepted, "with thanks." His Excellency Sir William Des Voeux, who returned on Tuesday from pleasuring, apparently objected to this innocent celebration, and sent an intimation to that effect on Thursday. His Excellency's taste in vetoing a semi-private celebration of this kind is open to question, and we certainly wonder at his disregard for the convenience of everybody concerned in doing so at the last moment, when infinite trouble and some expense had been gone to in decorating the rooms, sending and accepting invitations, preparing songs, etc. The least he could have done should have been to let the Hospital authorities know that it was not His Excellency's high pleasure that the concert should take place, and a moment's reflection would have shown him that what his representative, Dr. Stewart, had practically given his patronage to could not be seriously subversive to discipline or injurious to the community.

Cricket.

December 22.—The annual match between Hongkong C.C. and the Garrison concluded on this date, the latter winning on first innings by 26 runs. For the losers L.D. Orlinton, R.N., was top scorer with 31, other good scores being T. Sercombe Smith, 28 and 12, F. Matland, 15 and 13. Major Churchhill, 58th Regiment, headed the list for the winners with 39 to his credit.

Hongkong Choral Society

December 24.—In this issue there is a lengthy account of a performance by the Hongkong Choral Society of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe". The following comment is worth reproducing:—"As a whole the cast of principal characters was weak—decidedly weak. We regret to have to place it on record, but we have apprehended for the plain unvarnished truth, and a very awkward and inconvenient habit of telling it malgre the consequences." A special word of thanks is penned regarding the pianist, Mr. G. P. Lammer. Throughout weeks of weary rehearsal he has been invaluable, and his brilliant playing was a conspicuous feature of Saturday's representation."

Magisterial Matinees.

December 27.—The accommodating Magistrate who held matinees during the holiday had not a single full house, and there was nothing worth reporting. This morning Mr. Pollock frowned on two sons of Mars—Privates Jones and Simmons, of the 58th. They had been trying to uphold the proud boast of their Regiment that any two of them could put a head on any one policeman—and they had got badly left. They were going along Queen's Road East very early yesterday morning, when they met a coolie, who omitted to knock his head three times on the ground. Jones's fiery Welsh blood could not brook this, and he smote the coolie on the ear. A Sikh came up and seized him; whereupon Simmons attempted to make him let go. They were both ultimately arrested, after being ignominiously chased by a Chinese policeman. Jones admitted hitting the coolie, and Simmons agreed that he might have given the Sikh one—but a very little one. Six dollars each.

PANAMA AND OUR DOLLAR.

[Specially Contributed.]

An article on "The Indian Commission and Silver" appears in the November Nineteenth Century from the pen of Mr. Moreton Frewen and is of the greatest interest to all communities using silver as the basis of their coinage and especially to those who, like ourselves in China, are likely to witness in the near future tremendous fluctuations in our currency owing to the opening of the Panama Canal, the pending U.S. control of Mexican finances, and the not unlikely recommendation of the Royal Commission now considering "the measures taken by the Indian Government to maintain the exchange value of the rupee and whether the existing practice is conducive to the interests of India."

Mr. Frewen recalls the familiar effects of the machinations of the Indian Government in 1909 when the (from the point of view of Imperial finance) unfortunate recommendations of the 'Fowler committee' of 1898 were put into practice to establish a 'gold exchange standard' in India, and more than a year's output of the world's silver mines was purchased, sending the price up everywhere. The immediate effect was to reduce Chinese importers almost to insolvency. For the next three years the Indian Government purchased no silver whatever and the market went to pieces, the tael falling from 3s. 7d. to 2s. 5d. in a single quarter at the end of 1907. This fall in silver is practically a subsidy on Chinese exports which went up by leaps and bounds and "the next result was that China, unable to buy our gold (exchange) and thus our steel and iron, for the first time in history erected for herself in Hankow great steel-rolling mills and commenced the export of pig iron in full cargoes. Hanyang is to-day selling high-grade pig iron f.o.b. for 16 taels a ton. Now the gold price of 16 taels in 1873 was 5 guineas, in 1907 it was still 22 10s., and in 1908 only 21 18s. 6d. It is quite safe to say that no white labour in the world has ever produced pig iron for any such gold price, and for this, the convulsion in exchange caused by the Sino-Silver operations in 1907 must be held directly responsible."

Mr. Frewen cites an excellent instance to show how Eng-

1888.

SHARE REPORT.

The quotations which follow are from the Hongkong Telegraph for December 27, 1888.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—158 per cent. premium, buyers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton.—\$90 per share, sellers.

China Traders Insurance Co. pany.—\$75 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance—Fls. 290 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Ltd.—\$97 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$340 per share, buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$78 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.—40 per cent. premium, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company—\$221 per share, sales and sellers.

China and Macao Steamship Company—\$175 per share, sales and sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$136 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$170 per share, nominal.

Indo-China S.N. Company—17 per cent. dis., sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$65 per share, buyers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Ltd.—\$197 per share, sales and sellers.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Ltd.—\$88 per share, sales and sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$101 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.—\$79 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.—76 per cent. premium, sales and sellers.

EX-POLICEMAN CONVICTED.

Stole Zinc at Kowloon.

A Chinese, an ex-constable, was arrested at Kowloon, yesterday in possession of a piece of zinc to which he had no right. He told the police that the metal was given him by an Indian but this story was proved to be false.

At the Police Court, this morning, Mr. Hazeland, fined him \$10, or in default, one month.

land's trade in the East goes astray with the fall of silver. In June 1893 the closing of the Indian mints sent silver down 9d. an ounce. "Now in 1892, Hakodate had advertised for tenders for 1500 tons of iron water pipes. A British firm obtained the contract at 4 guineas per ton. This cost Japan 28 of her silver dollars, per ton. In 1893, Hakodate again wanted 1500 tons of pipes and the same British firm tendered, and this time at 4 sovereigns per ton. But now the exchange, instead of 28 dollars for 4 guineas, was 40 dollars for 4 sovereigns; and, this being so, Hakodate refused all the tenders, erected her own iron foundry, and has since become an important exporter of iron water pipes both to China and India."

The above example makes clear the remark of Mr. Gibbs (afterwards Lord Aldenham and governor of the Bank of England) before the Chilian Gold and Silver Commission in 1883: "I shall be exceedingly surprised if any intelligent person will dispute the general statement that a depreciated currency decreases the initial cost and stimulates the production of commodities intended for export." Asked by Lord Herschell "Then in your view the advantage to the producer in silver-using countries is simply that he pays less wages?" Mr. Gibbs replied "Less gold wages."

"At this moment," comments Mr. Frewen, "the loss of gold by South America through exchange discoveries Brazil, the weakest member. The price at which Brazil can produce for export rubber and coffee dominated the world's price of those two staples."

A fall in the price of silver is merely another expression of the fact that the "premium" on gold has risen, and this not for a mere handful of South America farmers, but for 800,000,000 Asiatics. Thus the opening of the Panama Canal presents us with the silver question once more as the predominant economic issue of our time."

Mr. Frewen as a silverite has naturally not a good word to say for India's present "dishonest" currency—selling 91 for 16d to the natives—because, as he says, in 1893 a handful of wealthy Nabobs, their life's work done at forty, and anxious to remit home at 16d rupees worth (intrinsically) 9d., "took advantage of the ignorance and innocence of the government of Mr. Gladstone." The effect of debased currency on the mortality in famine time is sufficiently elucidated by the following question put to the writer by Senator Teller during the U.S. National Monetary Commission; which he was unable to answer and which so filled him with shame that he observed "it is all-important that Englishmen should in future refuse to appear in the witness chair before any foreign currency commission. Such questions as these are not questions which should go by default." Here it is: "Now suppose, as was the case in India, that our people here, instead of keeping their gold in the banks in coin, melted down the coin and shakked it on their limbs for safe keeping. Supposing we had a famine, and the Government closed our mints to the free coinage of gold, and sold a coined gold dollar not for its weight in gold but for perhaps twice its weight in gold, and that our people proceeded to die from the artificial price exacted by our officials for the coins with which they bought their food; is this exactly what the Government of India has done by its citizens? Would there under similar conditions, the great unrest in the United States?"

CRICKET.

Club Defeated by Services Team.

Though the H.K.O.C. put up a good total in their first innings against the United Services, the latter replied to such effect in the two days match that they secured the honours of the game. Pearce in the Club's first innings failed to get a century by seven runs, while among the top scorers were—H. Hancock, 53; Major Bowen, 49; Mid. Fawcett, 38 and R. N. Anderson and R. Hancock 30 each.

UNITED SERVICES; FIRST INNINGS.

| | |
|------------------------------------------|-----|
| Capt. Robertson, b Anderson | 10 |
| Lt. Hutton R.M.L.I. c and b Anderson | 27 |
| Mid. Stewart, R.N. b Donnelly | 2 |
| Capt. Mathews, R.G.A. b Sayer | 68 |
| Mid. Fawcett, R.N. c Thurstfield, b Cobb | 0 |
| Lt. Pym, R.G.A. c Hancock b Thurstfield | 8 |
| Major Bowen P.D. b Sayer | 5 |
| Lt. Bagnall, R.G.A. b Sayer | 13 |
| Ft. Pay. Pearson, R.N. b Donnelly | 10 |
| Rev. Hastings, R.N. b Sayer | 2 |
| Lt. White, not out | 1 |
| Extras | 12 |
| Total | 150 |

Bowling.

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|-------------|----|----|----|
| O. | M. | R. | W. |
| Anderson | 12 | 2 | 49 |
| Donnelly | 13 | 1 | 53 |
| Cobb | 5 | 3 | 16 |
| Thurstfield | 3 | — | 12 |

H.K.O.C.—FIRST INNINGS.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| A. C. Elborough, b Hutton | 29 |
| T. E. Pearce, c Bowen, b Hastings | 93 |
| A. A. Olxton, b White | 10 |
| G. R. Sayer, run out | 0 |
| R. Hancock, c and b White | 0 |
| R. N. Anderson, b Hutton | 30 |
| H. Hancock, b Hastings | 53 |
| R. Thurstfield, b Hastings | 13 |
| D. E. Donnelly, not out | 18 |
| M. M. Maas, run out | 0 |
| B. H. Cobb, c Mathews, b Hastings | 2 |
| Extras | 18 |
| Total | 220 |

Bowling Analysis.

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|----------|----|----|----|
| O. | M. | R. | W. |
| Hastings | 21 | 6 | 45 |
| White | 15 | 3 | 51 |
| Hutton | 13 | 1 | 59 |
| Pearson | 9 | — | 42 |
| Bagnall | 2 | — | 3 |

UNITED SERVICES; SECOND INNINGS.

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|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| Capt. Robertson c Anderson b Sayer | 7 |
| Lt. Hutton c and b Sayer | 27 |
| Lt. Pym b Sayer | 19 |
| Capt. Mathews b Anderson | 8 |
| Mid. Stewart b Sayer | 0 |
| Mid. Fawcett c H. Hancock, b R. Hancock | 38 |
| Lt. Bagnall c and b Anderson | 19 |
| Mid. Bowen c R. Hancock b Donnelly | 40 |
| Ft. Pay. Pearson c and b Sayer | 12 |
| Rev. Hastings c R. Hancock b Donnelly | 10 |
| Lt. White not out | 10 |
| Extras | 5 |
| Total | 202 |

Bowling.

| | | | |
|-------------|----|----|----|
| O. | M. | R. | W. |
| Donnelly | 11 | 3 | 47 |
| Sayer | 17 | — | 78 |
| Anderson | 6 | — | 43 |
| Thurstfield | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| R. Hancock | 4 | — | 23 |

H.K.O.C.: SECOND INNINGS.

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| A. C. Elborough, run out | 2 |
| T. E. Pearce, c Bagnall | 0 |
| A. A. Olxton, c Stewart, b White | 0 |
| R. Hancock, b Hutton | 30 |
| G. R. Sayer, c Pearson, b White | 8 |
| R. N. Anderson b Hastings | 53 |
| H. Hancock b Hastings | 5 |
| R. Thurstfield b Hutton | 2 |
| M. M. Maas c White, b Hastings | 0 |
| D. E. Donnelly not out | 3 |
| P. H. Cobb, b Hastings | 2 |
| Extras | 14 |
| Total | 118 |

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

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|----------|----|----|----|
| O. | M. | R. | W. |
| Hastings | 14 | 2 | 30 |
| White | 14 | 2 | 40 |
| Hutton | 5 | 1 | 18 |
| Bagnall | 5 | 2 | 7 |

Kowloon A beat Kowloon B. Yesterday an inter-club match between Kowloon A. and Kowloon B. was played at King's Park, the former winning by 25 runs. The principal scores were: J. Stalker 61, J. P. Robinson 52,

and W. Kay 42. De Rome had the best bowling average, taking four wickets for 26 runs. The scores were as follow:—

KOWLOON "A."

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| W. Kay c Collins b Mac- | 42 |
| kenzie | — |
| L. M. Whyte b de Rome | 4 |
| J. H. Mend b de Rome | 1 |
| W. T. Elson stumped Ed- | 4 |
| wards, b de Rome | — |
| W. L. Weaver c Davidson, b | 0 |
| de Rome | — |
| P. G. Morris b Goldsmith | 16 |
| J. P. Robinson b Rouse | 5 |
| G. Wolf b Stalker | 9 |
| A. W. E. Davidson c and b | 0 |
| Stalker | — |
| K. R. Macaskill not out | 12 |
| Extras | 13 |
| Total | 153 |

Bowling.

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| O. | M. | R. | W. |
| de Rome | 8 | 2 | 26 |
| Stalker | 6 | 1 | 22 |
| Macaskill | 5 | 0 | 23 |
| Blackburn | 5 | 0 | 34 |
| Goldsmith | 4 | 0 | 11 |
| Collins | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Rouse | 2 | 0 | 23 |

KOWLOON "B."

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| P. W. A. Wilkie b Kay | 10 |
| E. J. Edwards b Weaver | 4 |
| H. S. Rouse c Robinson b | 0 |
| Kay | — |
| F. J. Jewell b Weaver | 0 |
| F. J. de Rome c Macaskill b | 7 |
| Kay | — |
| J. Stalker b Morris | 61 |
| D. J. Macaskill c Collins, b | 6 |
| Kay | — |
| L. J. Blackburn b Kay | 1 |
| K. R. Macaskill b Morris | 9 |
| H. E. Goldsmith not out | 8 |
| L. O. Collins run not | 11 |
| Extras | 5 |
| Total | 128 |

Bowling.

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| O. | M. | R. | W. |
| Kay | 11 | 2 | 41 |
| Weaver | 10 | 3 | 50 |
| Morris | 7 | 0 | 32 |

MORE ARMS.

Plausible, But Did not Hold Good.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner, defending a man charged before Mr. Wood at the Police Court, this morning, with being in unlawful possession of a revolver and ammunition, said that he pleaded guilty to the possession, but he wished to state the facts of the case to his Worship. The man arrived by the s.s. Hoihow, having arrived back from the country after winding up his father's estate. Feeling that he needed protection, he purchased the revolver and ammunition and as he was staying at Kowloon for a few days he intended approaching the Captain superintendent of Police with a view to obtaining permission. His instructions, said Mr. Gardiner, were to the effect that when the man was asked by the Revenue officer if he had any arms he said he had.

The Revenue officer denied that the man made the admission, and a fine of \$50, was imposed.

Nicely Caught.

A Chinese found coming from the s.s. Empress of Russia with a Savage rifle concealed on his person, was arrested and brought to the Police Court this morning, by Inspector Fenton.

Defendant denied to Mr. J. R. Wood that he was employed on board the ship.

A fine of \$250, or in default three months, was imposed.

Clever Capture.

A Chinese made a mistake when he thought he could conceal a Mauser pistol and 100 rounds of ammunition in a sack which contained bottles, at West Point, yesterday. A Chinese detective captured him, and at the Police Court, this morning, Mr. Hazeland imposed a fine of \$250, or in default one month, on the defendant.

A New City Subway.

A new subway for pedestrians across Cannon-street opposite Mansion House Station was formally opened by the Lord Mayor recently. The subway has cost about £17,000. The crossing at this point is reckoned one of the most dangerous in the City, no fewer than 24,000 vehicles passing every working day.

HONGKONG WEDDING.

Miss Lillian May Smith—
Mr. E. T. Singer.

A quiet wedding ceremony took place this morning at St. John's Cathedral when Miss Lillian May Smith only, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Brooklyn N.Y., was married to Mr. Eugene Theodore Singer, of the Standard Oil Co., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Singer of Brooklyn, N.Y.

The service was conducted by the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, chaplain to the Cathedral, while Mr. Lenman Fuller presided at the organ.

The bride, who wore a travelling dress of blue, was given away by Mr. J. Walker Bolles of the Standard Oil Co., and was attended by Miss Hannah Bolles, Mr. Herbert John Morse, also the Standard Oil Co., acted as best man.

After the service a reception was held at Kingsclere when the happy couple were heartily congratulated by many friends. The honeymoon is being spent at Macao.

ATHLETICS.

Chinese Young Men's Christian Association Annual Sports.

The eight annual sports of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hongkong were held on Boxing Day at the Happy Valley Race Course. There were in all sixty-three entries and eighteen events. The weather was ideal for sports and the results were in every way very satisfactory.

The following were the Officers of the Day:—President Mr. J. M. Wong; Vice President, Dr. Ho Nai Hop; Starter, Messrs. Geo. Lam and F. M. Mohler; Handicap Committee, Messrs. Geo. Lee, J. M. Dyer, H. Gittins; Judges Messrs. Lam Woo, T. M. Elliott, J. M. Wong, J. L. McPherson; Time Keepers, Messrs. B. W. Tape, and Cheung Tai; Clerks of the Course, Messrs. Allen, Chan Mak Heung, Wong Po-keung, S. L. Hoh, H. Archie, Dr. Young Siu-tsun, Pan U Yung, Chan Po-shang; Committee, Messrs. Wong Po-keung, Tai Cheung, Lau Fuk-kie, Chan Harr, H. Archie.

The Chinese Young Men's Christian Association's Brass Band furnished music during the afternoon and tea was served to a large crowd of Association members and friends.

The following are the results:—Long Jump, 1st, J. Wilson, 16ft 8; 2nd, Ip Kwan; 3rd, S. N. Wong.

Hundred Yards, Handicap, 1st, Chan Quan Chin, rec. 4 yds, Time 11 seconds; 2nd, N. Mahomed; 3rd, S. N. Wong, Sec.

High Jump, Championship, Cheung U Pui, 4ft 8; 2nd, A. Kew.

Girl's Race, under 10 years, handicap, 1st, Miss Chan Woon Nam; 2nd, Miss Wong Yu Chan; 3rd, Miss Chung K. ai Kwan.

One Mile Championship, 1st, J. M. Dyer, Time, 5 min 32 secs.; 2nd, Cheung U Pui, 3rd, Ip Kwan.

Boys Race, under 10, 1st, Chan Ki-keng, Chan Ki-tso.

Bicycle Race, Two Miles, Handicap, 1st, Chan Hung-kin, rec. 500 yds. 2nd, A. Gifford, rec. 100 yds. 3rd, A. E. Moy Hing, Sec.

Quarter Mile, Handicap, 1st, Jordan Wong, 2nd, Chan Quan-chin, 3rd, A. Kew.

Putting the Shot, 16 lbs., 1st, Rodney Lee, 24ft 9 in. 2nd, Geo. Lee, 3rd, Lau Fuk-kie.

Walking Race, One Half Mile Championship, 1st, Rodney Lee, 2nd, Cheung U. Pui, 3rd, J. Wilson.

Ladies' Nomination, 1st, J. M. Dyer, 2nd, H. Lam, 3rd, J. R. Chan.

Team Race, Dyer, Ip, Willson, Kew.

Wheel Barrow Race, Ip, Kwan, and Dyer 1st. The Lam Brothers 2nd.

Bicycle Race, Three Miles championship, 1st, A. E. Moy Hing, 2nd, A. Gifford.

Volley Ball Service, 1st, Mr. Lau Fuk-kie, 2nd, A. Gifford, 3rd, A. Kew. Distances 102 ft.

Three Legged Race, 1st, Jordan Wong, Cheung U. Pui.

Consolation Race, 1st, S. N. Wong, H. Archie, 2nd.

Tug of War, J. M. Dyer's Team won over Lau Fuk Kie's Team.

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Rubber Market.

London, Dec. 17.

The quotation for Para Rubber Fine, Hard, Cure, December and January, is 3s. 1d. buyers. The tone of the rubber share market is quiet.

London, Dec. 17.

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SHORT STORY.

THE ZIBELLINE COAT

BY EDITH MACVANE.

Out of the elegant Parisian crowd swarming through the hall of the Ritz at the hour of dejeuner, two men suddenly detached themselves to Fanny Gordon's eye. One, a very tall and cynical-eyed young man, was conspicuous for his red fez and much befogged uniform. The other, whose blue eyes glittered with an evident excitement, wore a fur-lined coat of noticeable richness. As the two passed by Fanny on their way to the vestiaire, the Turkish officer tossed a newspaper into the hand of his Parisian companion.

"There, monsieur," he cried gaily, "do me the favour to read the correspondence from Constantinople, and I think you will be convinced!"

"After dejeuner, Pasha!" begged the Frenchman, with a little deprecating smile, as he stuffed the newspaper into the pocket of his fur-lined coat.

The next moment they had both left their outer garments in the cloak-room, pocketed the checks, and mingled with the drifting crowd that with one accord were moving toward the hotel's restaurant.

Though hungry with the unspiced appetite of twenty-four years, Fanny dared not follow them. That very morning, after a brief but violent scene, she had separated from Mrs. de Morgan, the young widow who had brought her, a fatherless girl, to Europe. The source of her beautiful chaperon's facile wealth, the part which the young girl herself was perhaps to play in the proposed motor trip to Monte Carlo—Fanny shivered yet as she thought of the perils that her sharp eyes and quick logic had enabled her to discover in time. As a result, however, the sumptuous touring-car with its merry crew had departed for Mediterranean shores without her. And here stood Fanny Gordon alone in Paris, pinkcheeked and pretty in her blue Paquin suit and dashing furs of black fox, with thirty-five francs in her purse and not a soul in the world to whom she could cable for the price of a ticket home. As she faced this grim fact and its meaning, she turned suddenly sick, like an airman whose machine snaps beneath him in mid-flight.

Suddenly, and for the second time, her eye was attracted by a passing stranger—this time, however, with a warm and inexplicable thrill.

"There goes a man I'd like to know!"

As Fanny by chance had placed herself near the cloak-room, the newcomer perforce passed close by her. As he gave his silk hat and fur-lined coat to the attendant, his eyes met Fanny's for an instant. She noticed the bright blue of the irides, the haughty curve of the Roman nose between them; then, with a little thrill of girlish vexation, their utter and complete obliviousness to her own charming presence. Enraged at her momentary weakness, she turned her back; and when next she glanced toward the cloak-room, the stranger was gone.

Suddenly there came to her mind the thought of her own fur-lined motor-coat, a present from Mrs. de Morgan, which had been left here in the cloak-room at tea-time the day before. She opened her purse. Yes, the check was still here. Should she claim the coat, drive with it to the most delectable, and see if by pawning it she could obtain the price of a few days' board at some cheap pension?

With this thought in her mind, she turned toward the cloak-room. At that moment the young man with the Roman nose strode past her once more, carrying a cocktail glass in his hand. With an air of supreme indifference, his clear blue eyes glanced about him as if he had come back from the restaurant to look for some one and that some one were not worth the seeking.

At the entrance of the cloak-room he suddenly stumbled, and the cocktail glass fell crashing to the floor. The attendant sprang forward to mend the damage. Quick as thought, the stranger stepped up to his overcoat, removed the check pinned upon it, and fastened it to the zibelline-lined coat worn by the gentleman who had entered with the Turk. The numbered slip belonging to this last he replaced upon the sleeve of his own garment, took a silk handkerchief from the pocket, blew his nose loudly, tossed a franc to the kneeling attendant, and strode back toward the restaurant. The whole business had been performed with such assurance and with an admirable sleight-of-hand that for an instant Fanny hardly realized the significance of what she had seen.

She thrilled with a sudden odd emotion. "He is teasing that fur coat! Why? His own is just as handsome!"

In the midst of her own enforced idleness, curiosity suddenly flamed high. She mused with intensity: "Why does he want that other man's coat? Why?" Suddenly, with an odd little shock, she realized that if she chose to gratify her curiosity she need be afraid of no risks, because her situation could not possibly be worse than it was at present. Here was the immunity of the desperate. And, besides, the reward—the cash reward to be gained by returning the coat to the rightful owner! Quick as a flash, she jumped to her feet and strode to the door of the cloak-room, now empty of all but its attendant.

"That's a game two can play at!" she said to herself excitedly. A glance sufficed to identify her own brown motor-coat, hanging on its peg where it swung impudently, she raised her hand to her neck. She stumbled. The next moment a dainty pendant of turquoise and diamonds, the sole heirloom in her possession, flew out and lodged behind the steam radiator by the wall. Fanny uttered a muffled scream.

"Oh, please!" she begged the attendant. "My pendant! It's gone behind the radiator."

The obliging garcon, warmed by the remembrance of Mrs. de Morgan's lavish tips, went down on his stomach and poked through the pipes with the point of a long pencil. Quick as a wink, Fanny detached the green numbered tag from her own motor-coat, pinned it to the sleeve of the zibelline overcoat whose number had already once been changed, attached the letter number to her own coat, and turned to thank the purple-faced and dusty attendant, who scrambled to his feet with her pendant in his hand.

With careless generosity she put a five-franc piece in his hand and presented him with the numbered check which she drew from her silver bag. "My coat, please!"

Her heart beat quickly and painfully. She felt herself launched in mid-adventure. The next moment the garcon had placed on her arm the coat that bore her number, and whose luxurious zibelline lining cuddled

with the warmth of a kitten against her side.

She turned toward the lift. Then, down the length of the arched corridor that led to the dining-room, she caught a glimpse of the young man with the Roman nose, whom it was now her chief purpose to avoid. No; her room would be the worst possible place. Who could tell how soon she would be interrupted and the mistake check rectified? Following the reckless impulse of adventure that had seized her, the excited girl dashed to the door of the hotel and out into the frosty March air.

"Call me a taxi quickly!" she said impudently to the uniformed attendant at the door.

The next instant she was installed in a throbbing red motor. "Drive me to the Bois!" she said. "And, chauffeur, listen! I have been much annoyed by a man that is following me. If he attempts to follow the automobile, you are not to let him catch up. There will be a good *pourboire* at the end. Do you understand?"

The chauffeur nodded, and the machine started violently ahead across the Place Vendôme and whirled out into the Rue Boetie. Hurriedly Fanny turned the zibelline coat between her hands. If she could find clue to the owner's name and address, she might order the chauffeur to drive directly there, and avoid the scene that would be inevitable at the hotel.

There were pockets inside and out. A pair of fur motor gloves and goggles, a white silk handkerchief with the embroidered initial B, a last night's theatre programme, a bottle of violet perfume in a dainty satin case, tied up as for a present to a lady—these were all she found, except the copy of the *Matin* still sticking from the outer pocket. With a sudden thought, she opened the paper and searched its columns. Marked passages there were none, but a letter whirled to her feet. She snatched it. Her finger touched the wax that sealed it; but on the other side, to her intense disappointment, her eye beheld no address whatever. So far as its outside went, the envelope in her hand was entirely blank.

Should she break the seal? Should she return to the Ritz and seek the Turk and his companion? At that moment a siren screamed almost in her ears. Turning, she saw a large black car coming, and through its crystal screen beheld the bright blue eyes of the Roman nosed young man streaming straight into hers.

Her heart leaped. But her chauffeur, noting the pursuer, had crossed the Etoile into the Avenue du Bois at full speed. At this hour of dejeuner the Bois de Boulogne was almost empty, and the two machines thundered along at racing speed. Fanny's first thought was to take the letter which instinct warned her was the moving power of the whole affair, and secretly it closely inside the front of her blouse. Her second was to turn the fur coat inside out and slip it on. The superb zibelline lining, thus exposed to the air, had every appearance of a lady's winter coat. Then, leaning back in her corner, she enjoyed the chase.

But her triumph was brief. The taxi-cab with the advantage which pursued must have overpowered, held his own with the beautiful high-speeded machine behind it. But suddenly the chauffeur of the stranger, leaning across his master, bellowed to Fanny's driver in an argot whose syllables he knew ears could catch but could not translate. Its import, however, was forced to understand a few moments later, when her taxi, whirling for the third time about the lake, skidded, trembled, and came to a full stop.

Swallowing her sudden terror, she drew the fur coat about her and gazed out over the gray waters of the little lake. A voice, deep but of singularly agreeable quality, struck on her ear:

"Madame! I make you all my excuses, but I think that, by mistake you took my driving coat, just now, at the Ritz."

With an air of languid surprise, Fanny turned. The face that she met struck her anew by its haughty and regular lineaments, which just now were bent on her with some severity, as on a naughty child. She answered briefly:

"Monsieur, it is you that are mistaken. I did not take your coat."

"But, madame," cried the stranger excitedly, "I beg your pardon, but that is my coat you are wearing at this instant! And, as you see, I have none."

In fact, he stood straight and supple in his dark gray suit, unsheltered from the keen March wind. But Fanny was obdurate. She even smiled slightly.

"Monsieur," she answered courteously, "it is always possible—the boy at the Ritz may have given me the wrong coat. If this is yours, describe to me the contents of the pockets and you shall have it immediately."

"Certainly," he replied promptly. "A pair of gloves. A handkerchief."

"What initial?" interrupted Fanny.

"B!" he replied, and his eyes defied hers. Then he added quickly:

"A newspaper. A—paper—"

"But these articles you enumerate, monsieur," returned Fanny smoothly, "are such as are commonly found in overcoat pockets. And as for the initial, of course—But this paper you speak of, we have there something more precise. Describe it please!"

He swallowed his obviously growing rage. "A—letter!"

She nodded. "Yes—directed to whom?"

"Mademoiselle—my concierge handed it to me as I left my house this morning, and—*ma foi!* I had not yet had time even to glance at it!"

"But, monsieur, it must have been directed to you, or your concierge would not have handed it to you!"

In the handsome face before her the lines of pride wavered and broke. The blue eyes, crinkling up into sudden darning laughter, seemed for the first time to take cognizance of the girlish beauty before them. He glanced sideways to make sure that the drivers were out of hearing of them.

"Ah, Mademoiselle. Sherlock Holmes! I own you have the better of me there. I throw myself on your mercy. I confess, the coat is not mine—any more than it is yours!"

Fanny bridled. "But I am taking it back to its owner, monsieur!" she retorted briefly.

The stranger's eyes surveyed her with sudden gravity. He stepped toward her.

"Mademoiselle, time presses. Every moment is of value. That coat, as you see, has two sides—broadcloth and fur. It has also two sides that you do not see; danger and riches. Take it back to Bazin, as you say, and you walk into the jaws of the first. Listen to me and—mademoiselle, mademoiselle, won't you trust me?"

"So Bazin is the name of the coat's owner, is it?" she said slowly, as fragments of gossip heard in Mrs. de Morgan's salon drifted back to her memory. "Bazin, the great financier?"

Ereitement at the possibilities awakened by this famous name ran and quivered in her voice. The stranger glared at her.

"Ah, the magic of a name! And yet, mademoiselle, perhaps my name alone may have its magic. But, if I present myself, what right have I to expect your belief? The one recommendation I have to you is that you have seen me steal!" And yet, it is vitally important that you should trust me."

He glanced about impatiently at the lonely trees. "If we were in the city, anybody could tell you who I am." He raised his voice to address his chauffeur

"Barbe, which is the nearest of the Bois' restaurants?"

"Monsieur, I should say—Amenonville."

"Then drive us there. Mademoiselle, will you do me the honour to accompany me?"

Fanny hesitated and her colour rose. The stranger laughed. "Mademoiselle, please observe that if I were a man capable of violence I might long ago have used it in this solitary spot. On my word of honour as a gentleman, you can trust me! Do me the favour to step into my auto, and we will go to Amenonville."

In spite of the intensity of his voice, its accents invited confidence. She stepped into the tonneau, while the stranger paid her taximeter and flung himself into his place beside the chauffeur. Precisely sixty seconds later he had helped her from the car and was conducting her into the palm-lined hall of the Bois' smartest restaurant. At the desk sat a stout, arrogant man arranging gold coins in symmetrical piles. Fanny's escort strode toward him.

"Monsieur, a favour! Will you kindly tell this young lady who I am? It is a bet."

The stout man slid from his seat, knocking his golden piles into unheeded confusion. Arrangement became supplanted by humility as, bringing his heels together, he bowed and murmured:

"Monsieur le Vicomte! Too much honour! But who is there in Paris that does not know Monsieur le Vicomte Roul de Chateaufort?"

Fanny started. The Vicomte de Chateaufort was one of the two most celebrated young men in Paris, its most famous duelist, its most dashing horseman, its most exquisite art connoisseur; the brother of the beautiful Duchesse d'Uzaz, gleams of whose aristocratic splendour had penetrated even the tawdry Bohemian circle into which Fanny's late chaperon had presented her.

"And now, if Monsieur le Vicomte will conduct Mademoiselle to the dining-room, I will engage to find him a table."

Fanny hesitated, but her healthy young appetite betrayed her. The next moment she was seating herself at a little flower-trimmed table in an angle of the crowded restaurant. With a courteous gesture, her escort lifted the fur coat from her shoulders, and she saw his hands run like water from one pocket to another. Then he plucked out the copy of the *Matin* and glanced with furious haste through its columns. His brow contracted—the paper rattled in his hand.

"There was something else!" he declared fiercely. "An inclosure—a letter—"

"If there was a letter," returned Fanny sweetly, as she applied herself to the *hors d'oeuvre*, "I can assure you, it was not directed to the Vicomte de Chateaufort!"

Her host shot her a quick, savage glance. Then he plucked at his watch. "Half past twelve!" he said hurriedly. "At half past one Bazin will be back in the vestiaire looking for his coat—certainly no sooner, as he is one of the most celebrated gentlemen in Paris and had ordered a famous dejeuner for himself and the Pasha. But at half past one—Mademoiselle, the case is one of life and death, or near it. Instead of being my enemy, can I induce you to act as my ally?"

In his handsome face was all the charm of pride when it unbends to plead. Impulse, which had set Fanny to balking his schemes, now urged her to go over to his side. The waiter placed a plate of soup before her. She hesitated.

"Mademoiselle," said the Vicomte, in measured tones, "there is a reward of a hundred thousand francs to be earned before night-fall. Do you wish a share in it?" Fanny started. A hundred thousand francs! She nodded, dark eyes glowing. Her host surveyed her keenly.

"I had meant," he said, "to act alone. But fate has interfered. Without you I can do nothing. But with your help—if I may judge from the wit and audacity you have displayed—I can do that which I might not accomplish alone. And, in any case, I have no choice but to ask your aid. Will you give me your word of honour to serve me loyally? I need not say I give the same pledge to you. I only add, the adventure is one that may involve some risk of life."

At the intense earnestness of his tone a little shiver ran down Fanny's spine. Risk of life! But, after all, what was her life? And, left alone, where were her means to preserve it?

"Yes," she answered. "Like gimlets of light, her host's bright eyes bored into her soul. "You name, mademoiselle?"

She told him. He drew a long breath and touched her hand across the table in token of their alliance. "Mademoiselle, in trusting you with this secret I am trusting you with my life. But you have eaten of my salt, and your eyes are not eyes that could betray. Listen! This winter I have had heavy losses on the Bourse. And, so, like many others of my *monde* I occasionally act in the employments of the Secret Service. At this moment—he lowered his voice and spoke with intense rapidity—"I serve Bulgaria, who wants me to procure for her a copy of the new secret treaty between Vienna and Constantinople. In this treaty, we have reason to believe, Austria agrees to supply Turkey with munitions of war, for the war she is now waging against the Balkan Allies. Turkey, on her side, grants Austria an exclusive concession for the new Teheran railway. If Bazin gets a sight of that treaty he may make millions by buying up all the land on the right of way, as well as subscribing to the capital stock. It is his last chance—I happen to know that if he does not succeed in pulling off this coup he is a ruined man. A desperate man, and dangerous! So, with all the money he can raise, he has bribed Irman Pasha to obtain him a sight of the treaty."

"This very morning the treaty was signed and sealed by the high contracting parties, the getturo, her escort lifted the fur coat from her shoulders, and she saw his hands run like water from one pocket to another. Then he plucked out the copy of the *Matin* and glanced with furious haste through its columns. His brow contracted—the paper rattled in his hand.

"There was something else!" he declared fiercely. "An inclosure—a letter—"

"If there was a letter," returned Fanny sweetly, as she applied herself to the *hors d'oeuvre*, "I can assure you, it was not directed to the Vicomte de Chateaufort!"

Her host shot her a quick, savage glance. Then he plucked at his watch. "Half past twelve!" he said hurriedly. "At half past one Bazin will be back in the vestiaire looking for his coat—certainly no sooner, as he is one of the most celebrated gentlemen in Paris and had ordered a famous dejeuner for himself and the Pasha. But at half past one—Mademoiselle, the case is one of life and death, or near it. Instead of being my enemy, can I induce you to act as my ally?"

In his handsome face was all the charm of pride when it unbends to plead. Impulse, which had set Fanny to balking his schemes, now urged her to go over to his side. The waiter placed a plate of soup before her. She hesitated.

"Mademoiselle," said the Vicomte, in measured tones, "there is a reward of a hundred thousand francs to be earned before night-fall. Do you wish a share in it?" Fanny started. A hundred thousand francs! She nodded, dark eyes glowing. Her host surveyed her keenly.

"Ten minutes gone! Mademoiselle, decide quickly, or *tennerre de Dieu!* I have betrayed my own secret uselessly, and neither of us shall touch a centime of the hundred thousand francs!"

SHORT SERMON.

The Window That Opened Toward Jerusalem.

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime."—Daniel, vi, 10.

I think there is a great lesson for us all in that little mention of Daniel's opening his window toward Jerusalem.

We are all more or less rigorously held captive by the circumstances of our outward condition; we are never quite free to be where we would.

Compulsions and limitations press upon us. The exigencies of our lot imprison us.

We are always conscious of a sort of homesick longing for some other and better state—something that has been or that might be, or will be, or that at least looks possible and desirable.

There is almost always a certain degree of hardness and confinement and galling restriction in the immediate circumstances that hem us in.

Many a man's present actual condition is a perfect Babylon, a bondage, a state of exile from the soul's freedom and peace, a shutting out from all the fondest desires of the heart. And in the most favoured lot there are exigencies that gall the limbs and hem in the liberties of the soul and expose it to many an irksome humiliation, and many a sense of baffled endeavours and hampered faculties and darkened hopes.

We cannot live well or wisely or happily unless we have the means of escaping occasionally in spirit, and to a greater or less distance, from these daily scenes and straits and surroundings.

There must be windows to our chamber of life, looking afar and toward fairer scenes. And there are such windows provided, and we must open them, and keep them open, and sit at them, and kneel at them, and look away into the horizon, and breathe the airs that come from the distance, and so win freedom and expansion for our lives.

I have read somewhere that it is, or should be, a high principle of art that, in painting an interior view of any room or building, there should always be represented some outlook into the outdoor world. Some window or some door left ajar.

If this be wanting, the picture will not give pleasure, the writer said, and the spectator will have a feeling of confinement and of suffocation. But give him an opening, so he can look out, whether it be over city roofs, or into green landscapes, or the blue sky—somehow into the infinite outdoors—and he breathes freely, and even the prison cell looks then like a part of God's world.

There is no condition of life in which a human being can live happily or nobly unless it have windows for the soul to look through and breathe through, commercing with things fair and free in the distance.

Such windows are provided by the Great Architect.

They are memory and imagination and sympathy and hope and religious faith. These are the windows to be opened, and to sit at, and kneel at, like the exiled Hebrew in the chamber at Babylon.

Trades Dispute Bill.

The Employers' Parliament Council proposes to present next Session a Bill to amend the Trade Disputes Act by limiting the number of pickets to two, confining picketing to the place at which a person works, and to restore responsibility to labour unions.

(To be Continued next Saturday.)

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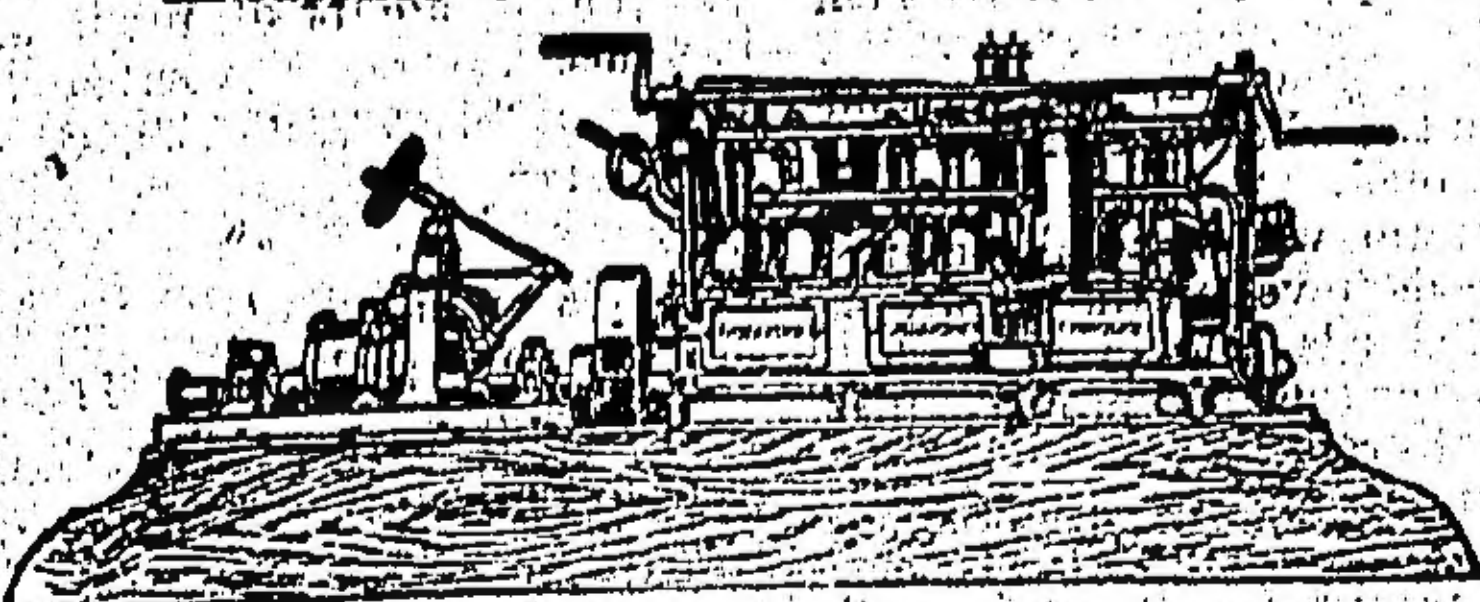
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For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama:

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| Prussen..... | 31st Dec. | Saxonia..... | 4th Feb. |
| O.J.D. Ahlers..... | 14th Jan. | Scandia..... | 9th Feb. |
| Belgravia..... | 16th Jan. | Hoerde..... | 24th Feb. |
| Spezia..... | 28th Jan. | Bayern..... | 2nd Mar. |

HOMEWARD.

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| For Marseilles, R'dam & H'burg: | Furst Bulow..... | 29th Dec. | For R'dam, Bremen & Hamburg: | Prussen..... | 8th Feb. |
| For Marseilles, Havre & H'burg: | C. Ferd. Laeiz..... | 7th Jan. | For Marseilles, & H'burg: | Andalusia..... | 10th Feb. |
| For R'dam, H'burg & Antwerp: | Goldenfels..... | 13th Jan. | For Havre & H'burg: | O. J.D. Ahlers..... | 18th Feb. |
| For Marseilles, Bremen & H'burg: | Emden..... | 13th Jan. | For Antwerp & H'burg: | Suevia..... | 26th Feb. |
| For V'v'er, S'teand/or T. & F. (Or.) | Belgravia..... | 16th Jan. | For Havre R'dam & H'burg: | Bermuda..... | 28th Feb. |
| For Havre, Emden & Hamburg: | Silesta..... | 26th Jan. | For Havre, Emden & Hamburg: | Spezia..... | 3rd Mar. |
| For V'v'er, S'teand/or T. & F. (Or.) | Saxonia..... | 2nd Feb. | | | |

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Public Auctions.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
AUCTIONEER, SHARE &
GENERAL BROKER

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY,
the 29th December, 1913, com-
mencing at 11 a.m.
At the Sales Rooms, Duddell St.
A Quantity of Miscellaneous
Goods

containing:
SWEATERS, JERSEYS,
CARDIGAN VESTS, SOCKS,
SINGLES, SHIRTS, HATS,
UMBRELLAS, RAINCOATS,
BOOTS, SHOES, GLOVES,
LINEN COLLARS, etc., etc.
Terms:—Cash on delivery

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

G. P. LAMMERT

**PARTICULARS AND CONDI-
TIONS** of the letting by Public
Auction Sale, to be held on Mon-
day, the 29th day of Dec., 1913, at
3 p.m., at the Office of the Public
Works Department, by Order of
His Excellency the Officer Ad-
ministering the Government, of
One Lot of Crown Land at
Reclamation Street, Yau-mat,
in the Colony of Hong-
kong, for a term of 75 years,
with the option of renewal at a
Crown Rent to be fixed by the
Surveyor of His Majesty the
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To Sail

Regular Steamship Service.
Proposed Sailing from Hongkong
For BOSTON and
NEW YORK.

s.s. "Saint Patrick" on or about
27th Dec.

For Freight and further in-
formation apply to

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Agents,
Hongkong, 21st Oct., 1913. [1977]

Don't forget after the Show
Supper, and Light Refreshments
ALEXANDRA CAFE.
Open till Midnight.

Consignees

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAM-
ERS, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
From EUROPE, COLOMBO
and STRAITS.

THE Steamship
"MERIONETHSHIRE"
having arrived from the above
ports, Consignees of cargo by her
are hereby informed that all goods
are being landed at their risk into
the hazardous and/or extra haz-
ardous Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company, Limited, whence and/or
from the Wharves, delivery
may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 30th
Dec., at 5 p.m. will be subject to
rent.
All broken, chafed and damaged
packages are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be ex-
amined on 30th Dec., at 9.30
a.m. Claims against the steamer
must be presented within 10 days
of arrival, otherwise they will not
be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be
effected by us in any case what-
ever.

Bills of Lading will be count-
ersigned by:—
**JARDINE, MATHESON
& CO., LTD.**
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd Dec., 1913. [1092]

**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.**

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
s.s. "CHINA"
From SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN
PORTS & MANILA.

The above mentioned vessel
having arrived consignees of
cargo are hereby notified to send
in their bills of lading for coun-
tersignature and take immediate
delivery of cargo from alongside.
Cargo impeding discharge will be
landed into the Company's god-
down at West Point, at con-
signees' risk and expense.

Cargo undelivered by FRI-
DAY the 26th instant at NOON
will be landed into the Company's
godown at consignees' risk and
expense.

Cargo remaining undelivered
TUESDAY, Jan. 6th, 1914,
at noon, in addition to landing
charges will be subject to storage
charges.

No fire insurance whatever
will be effected.

All chafed and otherwise
damaged cargo will be examined
at the above company's godown
on MONDAY, Jan. 5th, 1914,
at 10 a.m.

No claims will be entertained
unless accompanied by short
delivery note or list of exceptions
taken at the time of delivery to
consignees, and signed for and on
behalf of the Pacific Mail S.S.
Co.

All claims must be filed on or
before January 23rd, 1914, other-
wise they will not be recognized.
P. C. MORTON,
Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd Dec., 1913. [1091]

From EUROPE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"SILESIA,"
Capt. H. Christensen, having ar-
rived, Consignees of Cargo are
hereby informed that their goods
are being landed and placed at
their risk in the hazardous and/or
extra-hazardous Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf &
Godown Company, Limited,
whence delivery may be obtained
against Bills of Lading counter-
signed by the Undersigned.

Optional Cargo will be carried
on unless notice to the contrary
be given to-day.

All claims must be presented
within ten days of the steamer's
arrival here, after which date they
cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after
the Goods have left the Godowns,
and all Goods remaining undeliv-
ered after the 29th inst., will be
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and dam-
aged goods must be left in the
Godowns, where they will be ex-
amined on the 29th inst., at
9.30 a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be
effected by us in any case what-
ever.

This steamer brings on cargo:—
ex s.s. "Frane" from Abus
"Kong Ring" from
Christiana
"Lisboa" from Setubal
"Göteborg" from
Göteborg

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 23rd Dec., 1913. [1096]

Consignees

"MONGUL" LINE OF
STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE STEAMSHIP "GHAEZE,"
FROM GLASGOW, LIVER-
POOL & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are
hereby informed that all
Goods are being landed at their risk
into the Godowns of Holt's
Wharf at Kowloon, whence
and/or from the wharves delivery
may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted
after the Goods have left the Go-
dows and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 27th inst.,
will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before the 24th prox.,
or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Go-
dows, where they will be ex-
amined on the 27th inst., at 11
a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been
effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed by
DODWELL & Co., Ltd.
Agents.

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVI-
GATION CO., LTD.**

From CALCUTTA, PENA G
AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"YATSHING,"
having arrived from the above
Ports Consignees of cargo by her
are hereby informed that their
goods will be delivered from
alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge
or remaining on board after Noon
the 23rd inst., will be landed at
Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be
effected.

Bills of Lading will be count-
ersigned by:—
**JARDINE, MATHESON
& CO., LTD.**
General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd Dec., 1913. [1088]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship
"BENLAWERS,"
From ANTWERP, MIDDLES-
BRO, LONDON & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are
hereby informed that all
Goods are being landed at their
risk into the hazardous and/or
extra hazardous Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Co., Ltd., whence
and/or from the wharves delivery
may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted
after the Goods have left the
Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 26th
inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before the 31st inst.,
or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Go-
dows, where they will be ex-
amined on the 26th inst., at
11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been
effected.

Bills of Lading will counter-
signed by
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